

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An oyster extract mixture containing 0.05% to 0.4% zinc by dry weight, ~~which mineral is the zinc being~~ combined with peptides of the oyster.

7. (Currently Amended) The oyster extract mixture according to claim 6, wherein the extract further ~~containing~~contains 3% to 7% taurine by dry weight and 30% to 60% glycogen by dry weight.

8. (Currently Amended) The oyster extract mixture according to claim 6, wherein the extract further ~~containing~~contains 3% to 7% taurine by dry weight, 30% to 60% glycogen by dry weight, 0.002% to 0.005% manganese by dry weight, and 0.4% to 1.2% magnesium by dry weight.

9. (Original) A process for manufacturing an oyster extract comprising the steps of extracting oyster with hot water, then adjusting the oyster residue to pH 2 to 4, filtering the residue extract and neutralizing the pH of the filtered extract to obtain a high-mineral precipitate of the oyster extract.

10. (New) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster having a molecular weight of 3000 to 5000 daltons, as determined by gel filtration chromatography.

11. (New) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster, wherein the oyster extract is obtained by a process comprising the steps of extracting raw oysters with hot water to obtain an oyster residue, adjusting the pH of the oyster residue to 2 to 4 and neutralizing the pH-adjusted oyster residue to obtain a precipitate.

12. (New) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14%, manganese in an amount of 0.05-0.2% and magnesium in an amount of 1-2%, said % being based on dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster.

13. (New) An oyster extract comprising a first oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster, and a second oyster extract obtained by hot water extraction.